

# Delaware State University students to present history activities for the public at four Delaware museums

On Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., the four Dover-area museums operated by the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs will be presenting interactive, history-related activities developed by a group of incoming freshmen from Delaware State University. Activities will take place at the [First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries](#), located in the Delaware Public Archives building at 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; at the [John Dickinson Plantation](#), located at 340 Kitts Hummock Road; at the [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), located at 375 S. New St.; and at [The Old State House](#), located at 25 The Green. Admission to all programs is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-744-5055.



Delaware State University freshmen participating in a paper-marbling training session at the John Dickinson Plantation.

These one-day-only public offerings are being developed as a

partnership between the division's [Volunteer Program](#) and Delaware State University's [Jumpstart Program](#), an academic-enrichment and leadership-development initiative that provides opportunities for first-time freshmen to get a "jumpstart" on their college careers.

As part of the partnership, the 28 participating students were divided into teams of seven members each with a separate team assigned to each of the four museums. During the activity-development process, which took place during July 2014, team members were given free rein to discuss any topic related to their respective museum's history or exhibits and to develop enjoyable and educational activities that provide museum visitors with fresh perspectives on Delaware history. The partnership gave students a unique opportunity to experience how museums develop public programming through efficient time-management, teamwork, critical thinking and creativity—valuable skills that the students will need as they move forward in their lives.

For additional information about the partnership, contact Deanna Rishell, the division's volunteer services coordinator, at 302-736-7411 or [deanna.rishell@delaware.gov](mailto:deanna.rishell@delaware.gov).

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